

OFFICIAL PLANET OF THE APES CLUB BULLETIN



**KIM HUNTER
AND RODDY-
TOP BANANAS
IN HALL OF
FAME RACE!!!**



APES BULLETIN
**RODDY McDOWALL
CHOSEN
HALL OF FAME**



Caesar



*Cornelius
Roddy*

*Lisa
Kim Hunter*

RODDY McDOWALL

On September 17, 1923 in London, England, Roderick Andrew McDowall was born to Thomas and Winfred McDowall. Roddy has been in the motion picture business since he was 8, and he will be 47 in the fall.

The young child became a lover of motion pictures and such and his own mother's dreams were to become an actress. His first ambitions were to be a priest, and he kept that ambition even after making his first film Murder in the Family. But his interests soon turned to the field of acting.

With the release of Murder in the Family, Roddy, as he was called, became a tremendous success with the Britons. By the time he was 12 years old he had made fifteen films including The Outsider, This England, and a British spy film called Confirm or Deny. It was the latter film that impressed Darryl F. Zanuck so much that he sent for Roddy and his family. They moved to Hollywood where a motion picture contract was waiting at 20th Century Fox.

His first film in the States was Manhunt, but it was his next assignment, How Green Was My Valley in 1939 that scored such a big hit with the American public that it established Roddy as an up and coming super talent. And his next film, Lassie Come Home scored an even bigger hit. It was in the film that Roddy met his now long time friend, Elizabeth Taylor. While they were young, Both of their names were romantically linked---only they know if the rumors were true.

Other renowned people he befriended were Tuesday Weld, Barbara Stanwyck, and Ava Gardner. Ms. Gardner has an undying devotedness to Roddy as proved by the inscription on a photograph hanging in Roddy's home. It reads, "Dear Roddy, it's obvious I love, trust, honor, and obey you--I do. Love Ava." And Roddy has nothing but compliments for Ava, "Ava as a goddess. She doesn't know it but she is. A combination of queen and peasant."

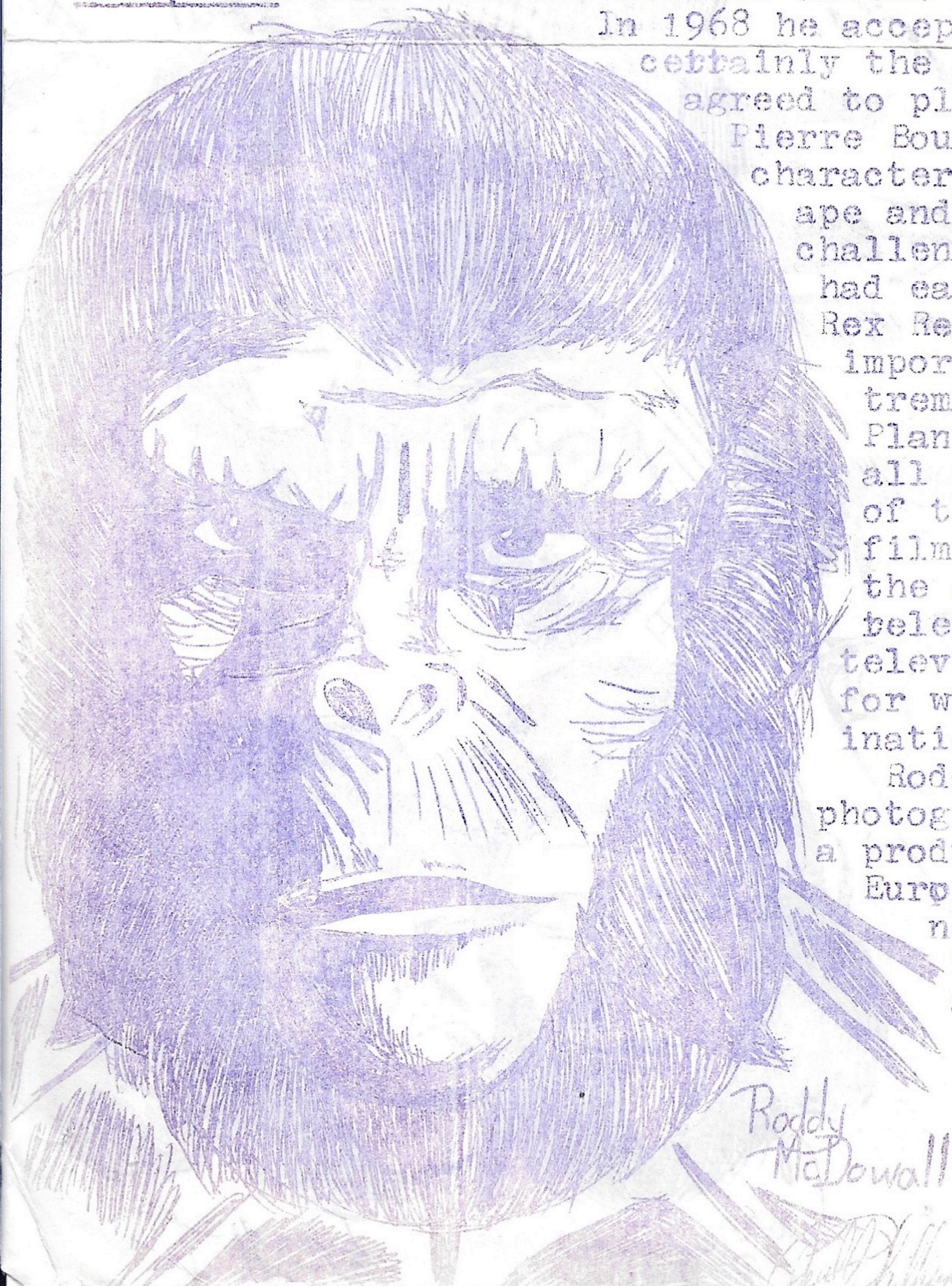
Late in his "young" career, he got tired of being typecast as the sensitive little boy so he went to the stage. He got rave reviews for his portrayal of Octavius in Julius Caesar---a role he later recreated in the very strong film Cleopatra. McDowall had arrived as the complete actor.

In 1968 he accepted his most controversial role, and certainly the most demanding of his career--he had

agreed to play Cornelius in the screen version of Pierre Boulle's Planet of the Apes. The movie

character was a very intelligent and articulate ape and Roddy welcomed the chance to play the challenging role. When it was all over, Roddy had earned the compliments of Judith Christ, Rex Reed and the majority of Hollywood's most important critics---Planet of the Apes was a tremendous box office success. As we know, Planet was followed by four other films, in all five film classics, Roddy starred in four of the films, missing one because of another film commitment. But Roddy has really become the superstar of the screen. This led to many television contracts and to the now defunct television series in which Roddy starred and for which Roddy was considered for an Emmy nomination.

Roddy is more than an actor, he is a fine photographer and a very fine comedian. Roddy is a product of a generation of film greats from Europe and he has assumed his rightful spot near the top of the film world. We honor him as the Hall of Fame winner in the first annual election. Roddy, we salute you and make the rest of your career be as great as the past 47 years!!



KIM HUNTER

Kim Hunter skyrocketed to fame early in her now long career when she starred with Marlon Brando in the film classic, "Streetcar Named Desire". The role of Stella was almost written for her. She was just outstanding. The film is the story of a beautiful girl who was betrayed by love. Blanche DuBois, (played by Jessica Tandy) tormented by the memory of her tragic marriage and the scandal she had started in the small Southern town in which she lived, flees to New Orleans to find refuge with her sister. But her sensual, crude brother-in-law (played by Marlon), resents her presence and her stifles any chance she has of regaining her pride and self-confidence.

When the play was first presented in December of 1947 all eyes were on the new sensation Marlon Brando. But as the play moved on, it became apparent that the new people to watch were Kim Hunter and the unknown Karl Malden. Kim captivated the audience with her sensitive portrayal of Stella Kowalski---husband of Stanley, the character Brando played. Throughout the production, Kim pleads with Brando to have some compassion, but he refuses and the play ends in tragedy.

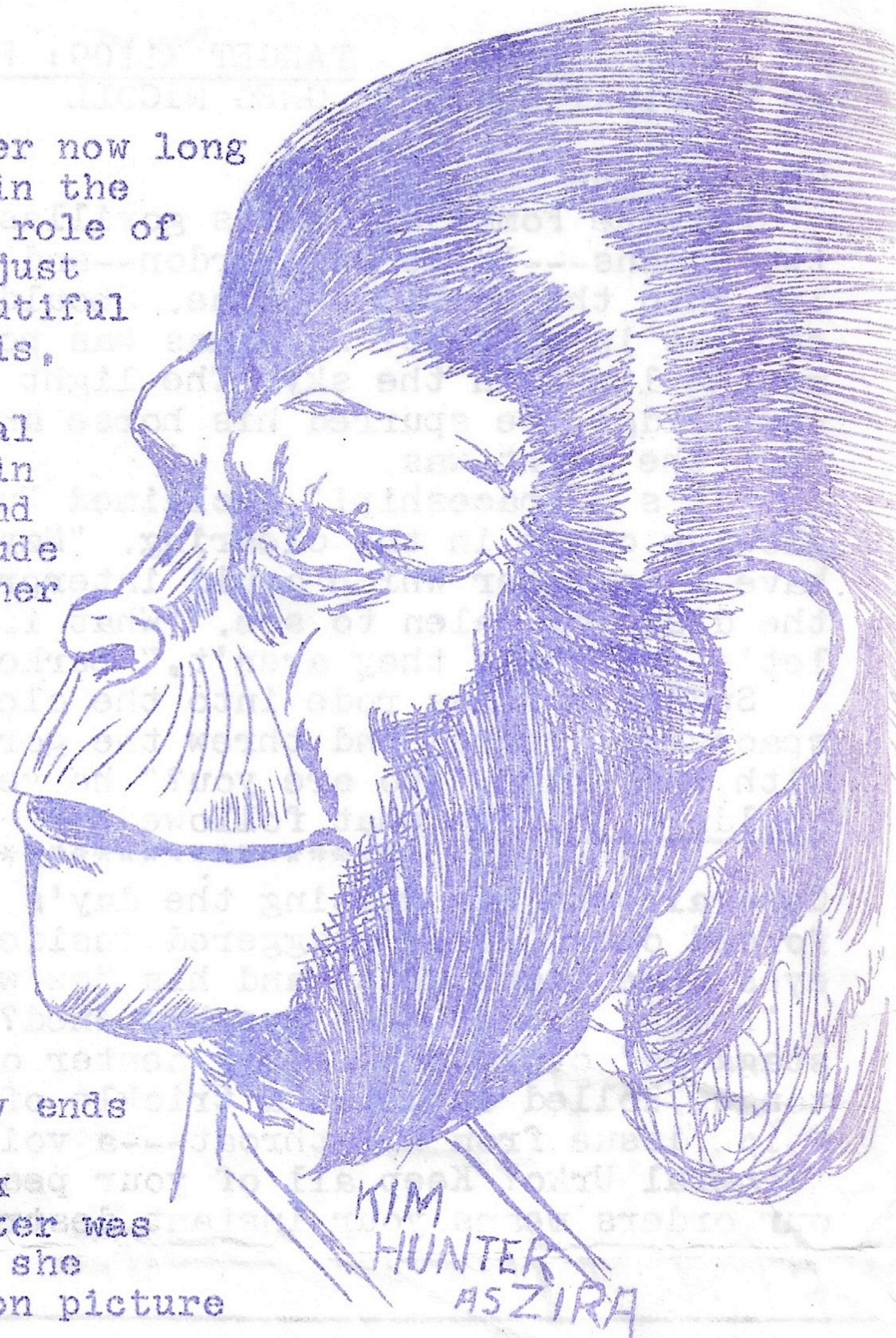
Then the most successful play in New York theatre of 1947 went to the screen. Kim Hunter was tabbed as Stella again, and for her efforts she received hundreds of rave reviews. The motion picture itself received a number of Academy Awards.

So in 1968 when Kim was asked to play Zira in The Planet of the Apes it was a difficult decision for her. She had a successful theatre career and a very prosperous motion picture list. Yet she decided, Like her counterpart, Roddy McDowall, that the film would be a challenge and a chance for her to spread her wings---so she accepted the role of the kind, compassionate, chimpanzee doctor.

Kim too received many rave reviews for her sensational portrayal of the chimp. She has become one of the most popular chimps in the entire Ape film series. The reasons for this is that we all identify with her in her role of the inquisitive scientist who feels compassion and love for her fellow apes as well as for the lower species---humans. Who will ever forget her closing line in The Planet of the Apes when she allowed Chuck Heston to kiss her saying, "O.K. but you're so ugly"? That line established Kim as the most sensitive of all the ape characters.

In the last seven years Kim has appeared in many television shows but she has chosen to take a low profile. She has seemingly accomplished nearly all any actress can. Yet we cherish her appearances in Cannon, Hec Ramsey, (now in syndication), and Gunsmoke. Kim is so rarely seen that whenever you have the chance to see her, do---you'll be pleased at the charisma she gives you as you watch her do her thing.

So, we salute Kim Hunter as the runner up in the first annual Hall of Fame Election. It is with a great amount of love and pride that we formally induct her. No one has given individual performances like Kim in her ape role. Our hat's off to the one and the only Kim Hunter!!!!



Private Fomas of Urko's gorillas was sure he had picked up the trail of the two humans---Burke and Virdon--and their ape companion Galen, but the trail led into the Forbidden Zone. Should he obey Ape law and stay away, or should he set out in pursuit? As Fomas was pondering the question, he saw a strange moving light in the sky. The light appeared to have touched down just over the next ridge. He spurred his horse and rode off into the Forbidden Zone to see what the light was.

Suddenly Fomas rode into the clearing. The horse, terrified by the glowing spaceship, reared and threw the gorilla and then raced off, leaving him alone with the ship. "Who are you?" he yelled gruffly. Galen, Virdon, and Burke couldn't believe what followed.

General Urko was writing the day's report on a parchment when his door was forced open. Fomas staggered inside, walking like some sort of a puppet. His eyes were blank white and his jaw was hung open.

LOOK FOR CHAPTER NEXT MONTH!!
TWO

POETRY CORNER

Lonliness means alone;
God, why this for me?
For me, only as a man
Who wants one, just one.

But in the early morning,
In the hours of haze and dew
I awake and still find nothing
And again I look for you.

Not a busted beauty
Or an M & M,
Just a lover and a friend
And a God.

I search a homeless home,
And find no familiar sounds,
Oh God, why alone?
My God! Why alone????

Peaceful nights for once,
Restful days at last
A pounding brainlike tremor,
A love, ah love!

INTERVIEW
Sandi Nocchi

Hello fellow ape lovers, it's me, Sandi, again. This month in the Hall of Fame Edition we are interviewing Karry Lewis. Karry is 23 and she currently lives in Winner, South Dakota. She is a Pisces (march 10) which means she is a very sensitive person.

Karry is currently working at the A&W in Winner as the head cook. When I asked her why she joined the club she replied, "As a favor to my friend Bill Woodruff, and because I enjoyed the television series".

Karry has seen two of the ape films, Conquest of the Planet of the Apes and The Planet of the Apes. Her favorite character in the movies was Cornelius and her favorite television character was Galen. Her favorite overall film and television performer is the Big Duke, John Wayne.

Her hobbies are her horse, Tawny, her fan club work, country music and television. When asked if she had any secret ambitions, she said, "I'd like to make my horse an A.O.H.A. Champion---some other ambitions I'll keep secret for the time being."

Karry's currently the President of the Gary Sargeants Fan Club and she invites those interested in country music to drop her a line. If you would like to join Gary's fan club, check the ad section of the bulletins for the specifics.

Karry plans to attend Country Music's Fan Fare this June and she'll be in Nashville for a week. Karry likes to travel and this trip to Nashville should be quite a treat for her!

We feel Karry is a very interesting person, and her close friend Bill Woodruff will attest to that, "Karry is one of the most wonderful people I've ever known. She is a warm, kind and very considerate person. I only wish all the club members could know her as I do."

Well, that's it for this month. I'll see you all in August!!

CONTEST NEWS

Remember, we are currently holding the Planet of the Apes Contest for all registered members. The entry fee for the contest is 50¢ and one 10¢ stamp or a total of 60¢.

The contest entry deadline is July 31, 1975 and no entries will be opened after that date.

Send the correct entry fee to: BILL WOODRUFF
141 Urban Avenue
North Providence, Rhode Island 02904

THE FIRST CORRECT ANSWER RECEIVED WILL WIN THE FIRST PRIZE

The second and third prizes will be awarded in July to the two first correct answers drawn in a random lottery.

Your puzzle sheet will be mailed to you on the same day it (your entry fee) is received.

First Prize---1/3 of all entry fees collected

second prize---\$2.00 cash

third prize---a Planet of the Apes puzzle.

GOOD LUCK TO ALL!!

POSTAGE FUND

Postage fund contributions fell off during June, probably due to the vacation season coming up---so we fully understand that. We hope that everyone who is traveling this year on vacation will be careful and take all the needed precautions. We hope you all have a fine summer!

Bill & Patty